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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after a Final Office Action and is accompanied by the Petition fee of \$180.00 and a certification as specified under § 1.97(e). Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Based on reasonable inquiry, no document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to

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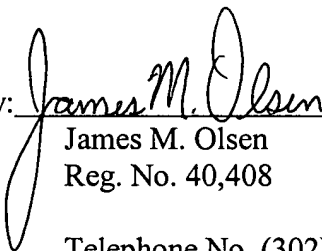
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